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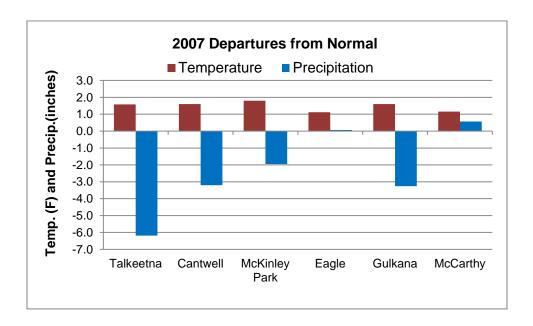
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Executive Summary

Using methodologies developed for the Central Alaska Network (CAKN), climate was monitored at existing National Weather Service stations and new CAKN climate stations in and around Denali National Park and Preserve, Wrangell -St. Elias National Park and Preserve, and Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserve. The mean annual temperatures around the CAKN region in 2007 were above normal for all sites except for Yakutat along the Gulf of Alaska. Most sites had warmer than normal summers and extremely variable winter temperatures. Annual temperatures averaged across the state of Alaska during 2007 ranked 15th warmest since 1918. Winter temperatures in 2007 were above average for the 8th consecutive year. Annual precipitation totals throughout the network were below normal for most of the sites except for McCarthy and Eagle which were close to normal. The snowpack for most of the CAKN region was between 50 and 70% of normal for the 2006-2007 season. The exception was the Chugach and Wrangell mountain ranges in WRST where the snowpack was closer to normal, and the southeast area of WRST where the snowpack was 130 to 150% above normal.



Introduction

Denali National Park and Preserve, Wrangell–St. Elias National Park and Preserve, and Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserve make up the Central Alaska Inventory and Monitoring Network (CAKN), covering over 21 million acres. Climate is considered to be the most important broad-scale factor influencing ecosystems. Because global climate models indicate that climate change and variability will be greatest at high latitudes, climate monitoring will be critical to understanding the changing conditions of park ecosystems. A summary of the CAKN climate characterization is presented first followed by the methods and climate summary for 2007.

The CAKN climate monitoring program deployed sixteen new climate stations between 2003 and 2005, mostly at higher elevations, to capture elevational and latitudinal climate gradients within the parks, and to capture data in areas where there were no baseline references. The monitoring protocols, which included the site selection process, were completed in 2004 (Sousanes 2004). The data summaries for this annual report are based on the long-term National Weather Service cooperative sites in and around the CAKN parks that have been in operation for 26 to 84 years. The new sites are analyzed for comparison, but long-term trends will take time to develop. This is the fourth in a series of reports for the CAKN Climate Monitoring Program.

Central Alaska Network Climate Characterization

The central Alaska climate can be characterized by the three major climate regimes that span from the southern boundaries of the network along the coast to the interior. The southern coast of Wrangell-St. Elias is significantly affected by the Gulf of Alaska. The Pacific Ocean moderates the temperature along the coast in both summer and winter, and brings a considerable amount of precipitation to the coastal areas and the southern flanks of the mountain ranges, including the Chugach and St. Elias Ranges that ring the Gulf Coast. Just north of these mountain ranges the precipitation tapers off and seasonal temperatures are more extreme. The winters are cold and the summers can get hot. The CAKN areas farthest north, and the farthest from the coast, are true interior climates characterized by low annual precipitation and large seasonal variation in temperature.

The climate of Alaska is affected by solar radiation, atmospheric gases (volcanic eruptions, CO₂), the water temperature of the Pacific Ocean, and ocean currents. These large scale processes drive changes in atmospheric patterns, like the repositioning of the polar jet stream and the Aleutian low pressure system or the frequency of La Nina's and El Nino's (Papineau 2003). Each of these can affect the regional patterns of storm tracks, prevailing winds, snowfall amounts, and the extent of sea ice (ACIA 2004).

There are several large-scale climate patterns and indices that are of particular interest to Alaska, including the Pacific Decadal Oscillation (PDO), which is an index of sea surface temperatures in the North Pacific Ocean. Typical winter sea surface temperatures during the warm phase of the PDO are warmer off of the Gulf Coast of Alaska moderating air temperatures over Alaska (Hartmann and Wendler 2005). The PDO seems to cycle through a warm and cool phase every 20 -30 years, 2007 marks the 30th year that the PDO has been in a warm phase. Temperature

trends that have shown climatic warming tend to be strongly biased by the sudden shift in 1976 from the cooler regime to a warmer regime (Figure 1).

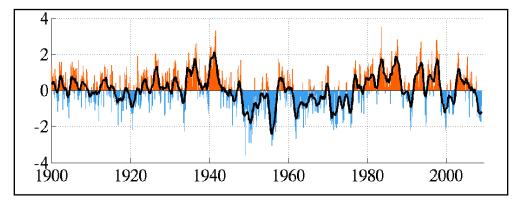


Figure 1. Graph showing PDO index for sea surface temperatures highlighting warm and cool phases courtesy of JISAO, 2008.

While the North Pacific Ocean variability seems to explain some of the temperature trends in the region, the Arctic Ocean, and in particular the extent of sea ice will likely influence both temperature and precipitation patterns in Alaska. In recent years there has been a continued significant reduction in the extent of the summer sea ice cover and the decrease in the amount of relatively older, thicker ice (NSIDC, 2008). Models have predicted that the retreating sea ice should affect the temperature and ecosystems of adjacent lands. An increase in the amount of energy absorbed by vegetation and its transfer to the atmosphere, will contribute to the further high-latitude amplification of climate warming (Chapin et al. 2005).

Methods

Data were compiled from seven long-term climate stations with the most complete records nearest the three CAKN parks that represent the major climate regimes in the network (Table 1). These stations have long enough records to compare 2007 data with the latest normal period, 1971-2000. For these sites temperature, precipitation, and snowfall are compiled. The monthly means are simple arithmetic averages computed by summing the monthly values for the period 1971-2000 and dividing by thirty. Prior to averaging, the data are adjusted if necessary to compensate for data quality issues, station moves or changes in station reporting practices. Missing months are replaced by estimates based on neighboring stations.

Table 1. Locations and elevations of long-term sites in CAKN used for data analysis.

Name	Lat	Long	Elev. (ft)	Network	Start	End	Park
Eagle	64.7666	-141.2000	850	COOP	1949	Present	YUCH
McKinley Park	63.7195	-148.9656	2060	COOP	1925	Present	DENA
Cantwell	63.4000	-148.9000	2150	COOP	1983	Present	DENA
Talkeetna	62.1800	-150.0600	350	COOP	1949	Present	DENA
McCarthy	61.4166	-143.0000	1250	COOP	1984	Present	WRST
Gulkana	62.1502	-145.4500	1580	SAO	1949	Present	WRST
Yakutat	59.5000	-139.6700	30	SAO	1936	Present	WRST

Five additional sites are analyzed to try and capture winter temperature inversions and climate deviations at higher elevations (Table 2). Monthly means and annual totals were compiled for the newer CAKN stations including, temperature, wind, relative humidity, solar radiation, snow depth, and summer rainfall (Figure 2). Most of the summaries, analysis, charts, and graphs from NOAA and NRCS are in standard units; in order to standardize units throughout the report data are presented in standard units. Period of record averages for the long-term sites are available in Appendix A, and extremes and records for these sites are listed in Appendix B.

Table 2. Locations and elevations of the new CAKN sites and existing RAWS sites.

Name	Lat	Long	Elev. (ft)	Network	Start	End	Park
Stampede	63.7478	-150.3281	1800	CAKN RAWS	2003	Present	DENA
Toklat	63.5255	-150.0465	2920	CAKN RAWS	2005	Present	DENA
Eielson Visitor Center	63.4307	-150.3102	3730	CAKN RAWS	2005	Present	DENA
Wonder Lake	63.4900	-150.8800	2119	RAWS	1995	Present	DENA
Dunkle Hills	63.2670	-149.5415	2651	CAKN RAWS	2003	Present	DENA
Coal Creek	65.3041	-143.1570	820	CAKN RAWS	2004	Present	YUCH
Upper Charley	64.5169	-143.2023	3654	CAKN RAWS	2005	Present	YUCH
Chicken Creek	62.1240	-141.8473	5260	CAKN RAWS	2004	Present	WRST
Chisana	62.0775	-142.0500	3320	RAWS	1988	Present	WRST
Chititu	61.2735	-142.6209	4554	CAKN RAWS	2004	Present	WRST
May Creek	61.3208	-142.5844	1650	CAKN RAWS	1990	Present	WRST
Gates Glacier	61.6029	-143.0132	4060	CAKN RAWS	2005	Present	WRST
Klawasi	62.1469	-144.9269	3100	RAWS	1991	Present	WRST
Tebay	61.1810	-144.3392	1880	CAKN RAWS	2005	Present	WRST
Tana Knob	60.9080	-142.9013	3739	CAKN RAWS	2005	Present	WRST

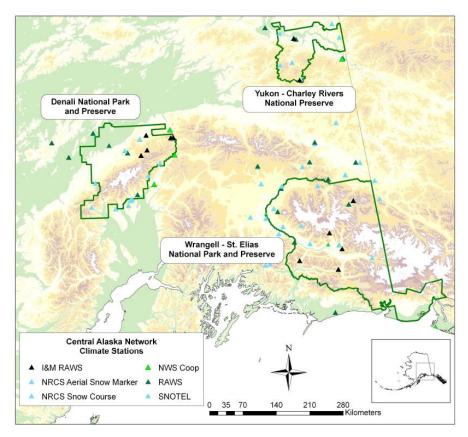


Figure 2. Map of newer CAKN climate stations.

Results

Climate Year 2007 Synopsis

The mean annual temperatures around the CAKN region in 2007 were above normal for all sites except for Yakutat along the Gulf of Alaska. Most sites had warmer than normal summers and extremely variable winter temperatures. Eagle had a record warm July and many of the sites had record cold average temperatures for March. Annual precipitation totals throughout the network were below normal for most of the sites, except for McCarthy and Eagle which were close to normal (Figure 3). Yakutat had the driest summer on record, while Eagle had the wettest August on record. Precipitation, in the interior came mostly from localized convective-type showers, and the totals varied for different locations across the area.

2007 was the 10th warmest year on record for the U.S. with a nationally averaged temperature of 54.2°F. This value is 1.4°F above the 20th century (1901-2000) mean (NOAA 2008). Annual temperatures averaged across the state of Alaska during 2007 ranked 15th warmest since 1918 (Figure 4). Winter temperatures in 2007 were above average for the 8th consecutive year. Spring was slightly below average, summer was warmer than average, and fall was significantly warmer than the 1918-2000 average (Figure 5) (NOAA 2008). Wildfires across Alaska were not as widespread as in recent years, with the exception of the Anaktuvuk River wildfire, which set a new record for the largest fire on the North Slope.

The snowpack for most of the CAKN region was between 50 and 70% of normal for the 2006-2007 season. The exception was the Chugach and Wrangell mountain ranges in Wrangell –St. Elias (WRST) where the snowpack was closer to normal, and the southeast area of the park where the snowpack was 130 to 150% above normal. The southeast region of Alaska also had record breaking snowfall this season. The warm interior temperatures in April led to a rapid deterioration of what little snowpack did develop. The snow was off the ground by May 1 in almost all regions of the interior even along the southern flanks of the Alaska Range which is unusual. This was not the case for the southeastern portion of WRST where spring arrived late. Figure 6 shows the statewide snowfall development from March through May (NRCS 2007).

The El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO) began 2007 in a weak warm phase (i.e., weak El Niño), which started in the fall of 2006. The El Niño warm event peaked in December and began to deteriorate in January. Neutral ENSO conditions were documented through most of the summer. By the end of summer a La Niña event developed and sea surface temperatures in the equatorial Pacific started to cool (NOAA 2008) The PDO index for 2007 was variable with a negative anomaly in March followed by positive departures for the summer months, and trending back towards negative departures during the fall and early winter (JISAO 2008).

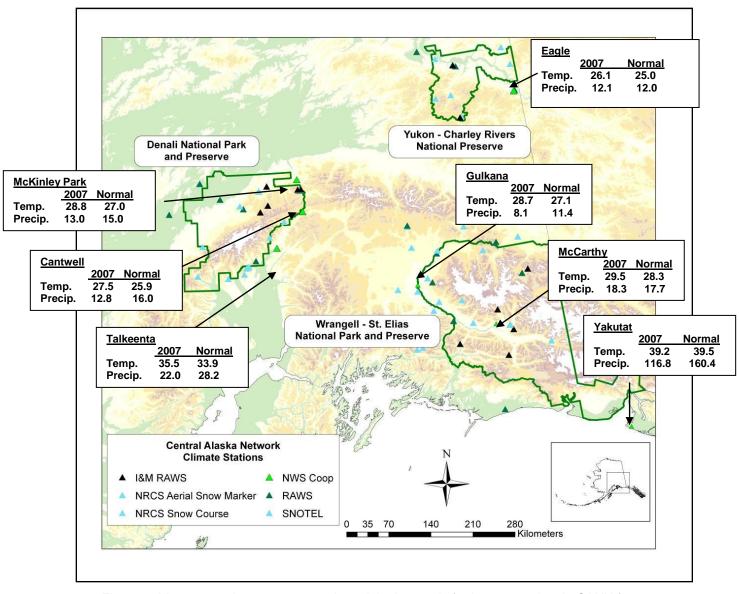


Figure 3. Mean annual temperature and precipitation totals for long-term sites in CAKN for 2007 compared with 1971-2000 normals.

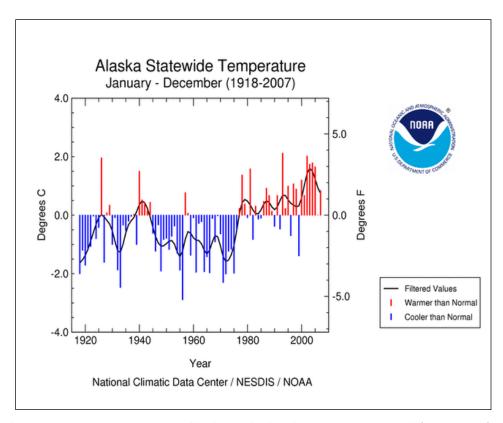


Figure 4. Average temperatures across Alaska ranked 15th warmest on record (1918-2007) above the 1971-2000 mean (NOAA 2008). Figure retrieved from http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/img/climate/research/2007/ann/alaska_Elemta_01122007_pg.gif

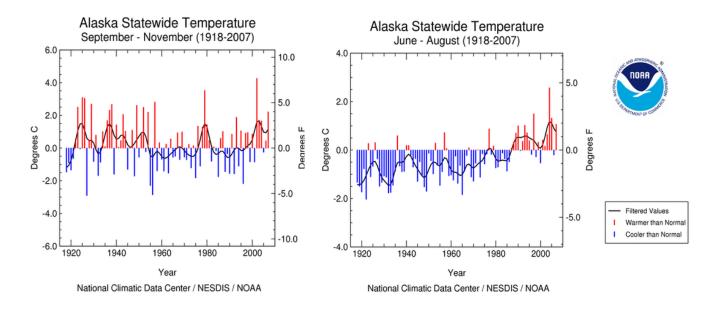


Figure 5. Seasonal statewide temperatures 2007departure from normal (NOAA 2008). Figures retrieved on October 28, 2008 from http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/img/climate/research/2007/ann/alaska Elemta 12022007 pg.gif

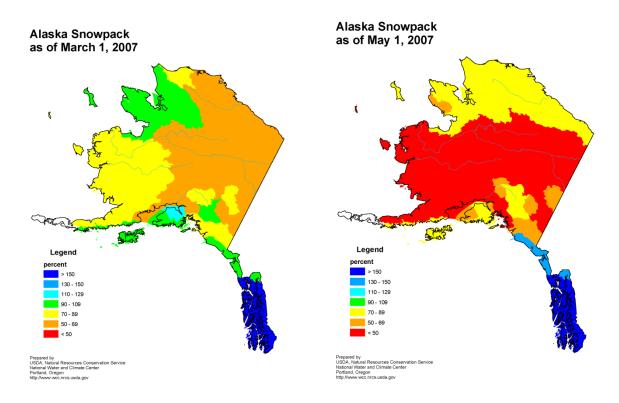


Figure 6. March 1 and May 1 snowpack depths for Alaska 2007 (NRCS 2007). Figures retrieved on October 28, 2008 from http://www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/cgibin/ak_snow.pl?state=alaska.

Temperature

Data records for temperature have been collected at seven locations around the CAKN since 1949. The mean annual temperatures around the CAKN region in 2007 averaged 1.5 °F above normal for all sites except for Yakutat (Figure 7). Most sites had warmer than normal summers and extremely variable winter temperatures (Table 3). November temperatures were between 7 and 16 degrees warmer than normal, while March temperatures were 11 to 13 degrees colder than normal - except for Yakutat (Figure 8). March 2007 was the coldest on record at Denali, Gulkana, Eagle, and McCarthy, which are the longest running stations in CAKN. See Appendix A for 'period of record' data for the long term sites and Appendix B for individual site records.

The mean date of the last spring freeze is usually between June 1 and June 10 for the lower elevations and valleys and between June 11 and June 20 for the higher elevations. In McKinley Park, temperatures were mostly above 32°F starting around May 23, but the last freeze was on June 8. The first fall freeze occurred on September 3, but did after that evening temperatures stayed above freezing until after September 18.

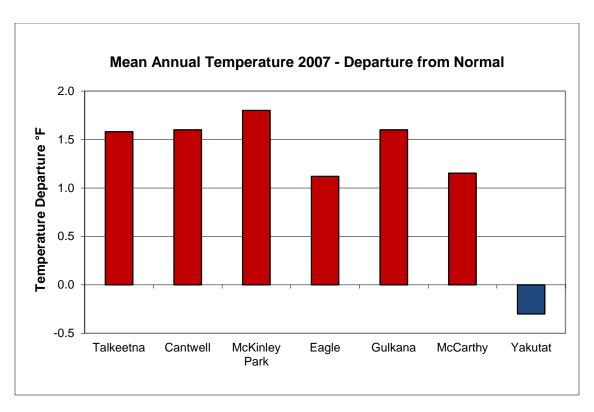


Figure 7. Mean annual temperature departure from normal for 2007 at long-term CAKN sites.

Table 3. 2007 departure from normal (1971-2000) for long-term sites in CAKN.

Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Talkeetna	1.4	-1.9	-11.3	4.5	2.4	2.3	-0.4	2.6	2.5	1.9	11.4	3.3	1.6
Cantwell	4.4	-2.7	-14.8	5.8	2.8	2.0	0.7	2.7	1.8	0.4	11.2	4.1	1.6
McKinley Park	1.6	0.7	-18.6	7.2	2.7	2.9	2.0	3.9	3.4	-0.4	13.3	2.6	1.8
Eagle	8.3	-9.7	-18.1	6.0	1.9	4.3	3.3	1.6	-0.5	-2.9	16.3	3.5	1.1
Gulkana	9.1	-2.8	-15.3	2.3	1.0	3.7	1.3	2.3	1.5	1.3	12.3	2.3	1.6
McCarthy	9.9	-4.4	-13.6	1.2	1.0	4.0	2.2	2.0	1.3	2.0	7.0	1.7	1.2
Yakutat	3.0	-4.0	-5.7	-1.1	-0.2	1.0	1.1	1.0	0.6	-1.0	2.9	-0.7	-0.3

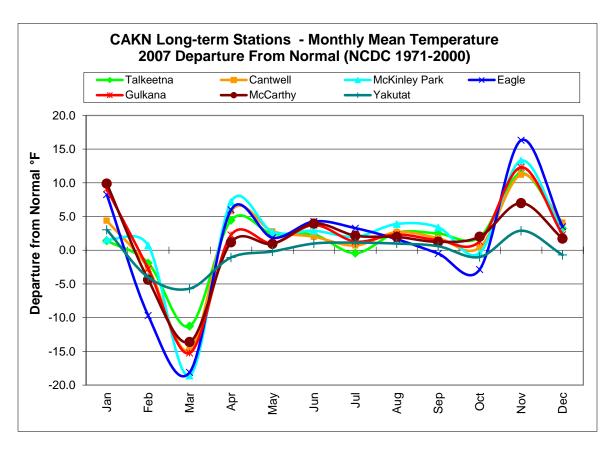


Figure 8. Mean monthly temperatures departure from normal at long-term sites for 2007.

January temperatures in the eastern interior locations of CAKN, including McCarthy, Gulkana, and Eagle were on average 9 degrees F warmer than normal, and at the western interior sites only 1.5 to 4.5 degrees F warmer than normal. Yakutat was also 3 degrees F warmer than normal. In February, temperatures across the region cooled off and all sites were below normal except for McKinley Park. As stated above, March was unusually cold for all of the interior sites and for the coastal site of Yakutat as well. Temperatures rebounded in April with record breaking temperatures the last few days of the month for many interior sites. Warm temperatures and a lack of April snowfall made for a quick and relatively dry spring break-up for central Alaska.

The summer of 2007 was long and warm, but not hot. June and July were warm and dry, followed by a very warm and wet August; some of the highest temperatures of the year were in August, which is unusual. Warm temperatures persisted through September where minimum temperatures in early September were approaching normal high temperatures. In Eagle, the mean temperature for July was 64.1° F or 3.3 degrees F warmer than normal - the warmest July on record, warmer than both 2004 and 2005.

October temperatures were cool farther north in Eagle and Fairbanks, but were near normal to slightly above for more southern interior sites. Temperatures in November were above normal at most sites. Temperatures tend to decrease through the month of November as the interior loses

daylight; this was not the case in 2007. There was a significant warm-up around Thanksgiving as temperatures rose to the mid 40s with a Chinook wind event. In mid December, there was only one brief cold spell lasting just a few days where temperatures were down below -40°F for the first time of the 2007-08 winter season.

The average annual temperatures for all of the CAKN long-term sites are listed in Table 4. These seven sites have long enough records to compare with the latest climate normal period which are listed below the 2007 temperatures in the table. Eagle, the farthest north and the farthest inland from the coast has the coldest annual temperature and Yakutat being on the coast is the warmest. Along the eastern region of the CAKN the temperatures drop off more quickly than those in the western region from south to north, for example Gulkana and Cantwell have similar average annual temperatures and Gulkana is one degree in latitude farther south and at a lower elevation. Figure 9 shows the monthly mean temperatures of the long-term sites with three of the newer high elevation sites from each of the CAKN parks for comparison.

Table 4. Mean monthly and annual temperatures for 2007 from long-term sites

# of years	Site	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANN
57	Talkeetna													
	2007	12.42	13.5	11.3	38.8	48.2	57.6	58.5	58.2	48.7	33.3	28.9	16.	35.5
	1971-2000 normal	11.0	15.4	22.6	34.3	45.8	55.3	58.9	55.6	46.2	31.4	17.5	13.0	33.9
24	Cantwell													
	2007	4.2	1.5	-2.2	31.8	42.8	52.6	55.4	52.8	42	23.1	19	6.7	27.5
	1971-2000 normal	-0.2	4.2	12.6	26.0	40.0	50.6	54.7	50.1	40.2	22.7	7.8	2.6	25.9
83	McKinley Pa	rk												
	2007	3.9	5.2	-5.5	34.4	44.7	55.1	57.6	54.8	43.9	22.1	22.4	7.5	28.8
	1971-2000 normal	2.3	4.5	13.1	27.2	42.0	52.2	55.6	50.9	40.5	22.5	9.1	4.9	27.0
52	Eagle													
	2007	-3.34	-15.8	-10.3	34.8	47.9	61.8	64.1	56.4	42.3	20.5	18.5	-3.3	26.1
	1971-2000 normal	-11.6	-6.1	7.8	28.8	46.0	57.5	60.8	54.8	42.8	23.3	2.2	-6.8	25.0
57	Gulkana													
	2007	4.4	0.5	0.1	33.4	44.9	56.8	58.3	55.4	44.6	27.7	17.8	0.7	28.7
	1971-2000 normal	-4.7	3.2	15.3	31.1	43.9	53.1	57.0	53.1	43.1	26.4	5.5	-1.6	27.1
22	McCarthy													
	2007	7.5	1.6	4.4	34.4	45.0	56.0	58.1	54.2	44.6	30.3	14.2	3.3	29.5
	1971-2000 normal	-2.4	6.0	18.0	33.2	44.0	52.0	55.9	52.2	43.3	28.3	7.2	1.6	28.3
59	Yakutat													
	2007	28.8	24.4	25.8	36.1	43.4	50.7	54.7	54.3	48.8	40.1	35.3	27.9	39.2
	1971-2000 normal	25.8	28.4	31.5	37.2	43.6	49.7	53.6	53.3	48.2	41.1	32.4	28.6	39.5

Yellow - YUCH, Green - DENA, Blue - WRST

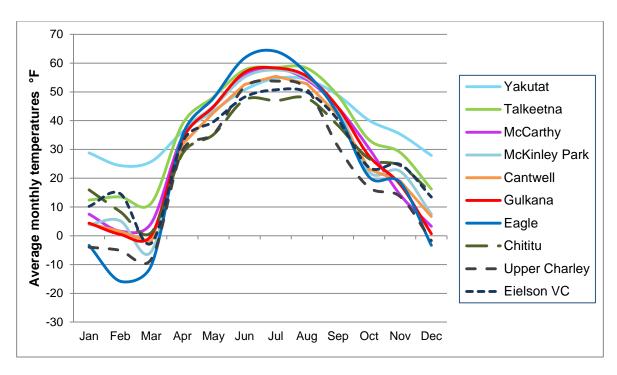


Figure 9. CAKN mean monthly temperatures for 2007.

Table 5. Monthly mean temperatures from CAKN stations 2007.

Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Stampede	-2.5	-3.8	-8.8	34.2	44.7	53.6	56.2	52.7	41.2	17.4	14.2	-0.4	24.9
Toklat	7.1	5.2	-8.4	32.5	41.5	50.8	52.8	50.7	40.9	20.1	22.3	10.1	27.1
Eielson VC	10.2	14.6	-2.6	32.6	39.6	48.2	50.7	49.9	40.3	23.7	24.8	13.5	28.8
Wonder Lake	2.0	1.0	-5.8	33.8	44.4	53.6	56.1	53.1	42.0	17.8	16.3	4.2	26.5
Dunkle Hills	8.9	6.2	-1.7	29.6	39.9	49.9	51.2	49.9	39.7	23.4	21.6	10.3	27.4
Coal Creek	-3.0	-16.8	-9.0	35.1	48.7	60.4	62.1	55.1	41.4	17.8	11.0	-6.6	24.7
Upper Charley	-4.0	-5.1	-8.1	29.6	35.3	51.7	53.7	51.0	31.0	16.8	13.6	-1.7	22.0
Chicken Creek	11.4	2.7	-4.3	26.1	35.7	46.7	47.6	47.6	36.0	21.1	20.4	8.8	25.0
Chisana	-4.6	-6.2	-7.3	29.2	42.6	54.1	55.1	51.4	38.9	17.6	7.0	-7.8	22.5
Chititu	16.0	8.4	1.1	28.5	35.2	47.2	47.0	47.8	38.3	26.8	24.4	14.9	28.0
May Creek	6.2	-0.5	3.9	34.7	45.2	57.4	58.0	54.1	43.0	27.5	14.7	2.5	28.9
Gates Glacier	17.3	8.0	4.0	29.4	36.6	48.5	48.2	48.7	38.5	26.4	25.2	18.6	29.1
Klawasi	4.4	0.5	0.1	33.4	44.9	56.8	58.3	55.4	44.6	27.7	17.8	0.7	28.7
McCarthy	13.3	4.4	0.9	33.0	41.6	53.9	54.4	53.6	42.4	27.0	24.8	10.2	30.0
Tebay	7.5	1.6	4.4	34.4	45	56	58.1	54.2	44.6	30.3	14.2	3.3	29.5
Tana Knob	13.7	8.3	6.2	30.9	40.8	50.8	52.6	51.6	43.1	30.1	22.5	10.9	30.1

Yellow - YUCH, Green - DENA, Blue - WRST

New CAKN Sites

Although the new CAKN climate stations and other Remote Automated Weather Stations (RAWS) around the CAKN parks do not have long records, the monthly and annual averages and totals fill in some of the large spatial gaps in the network and offer information on the differences in climate at higher elevations. Table 5 lists the monthly and annual temperatures for these sites grouped by park and Figure 9 shows them graphically. The monthly average temperatures are warmer for the lower elevation interior sites during the summer months, while the winter monthly average temperatures are warmer at higher elevations, effectively smoothing the annual averages. Figure 10 shows the December average temperature ranging from approximately 1° to 19 ° F for 8 sites in WRST with elevations spanning from 1,250 feet to 4,554 feet. See Appendix C for monthly summaries from the CAKN climate sites.

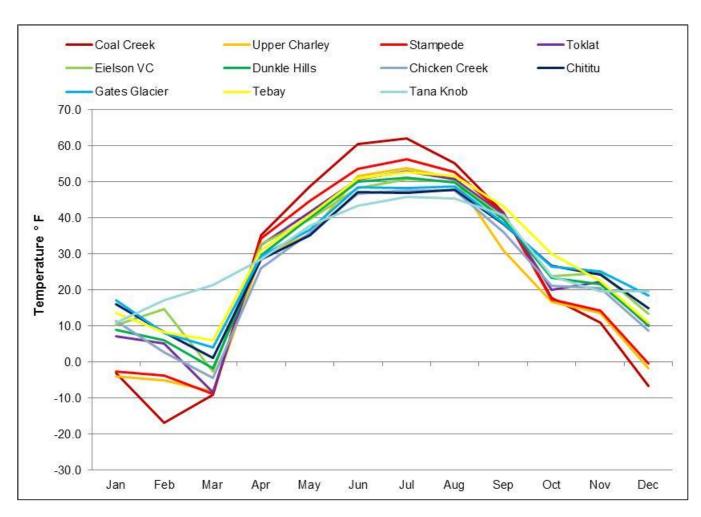


Figure 10. Monthly mean temperatures for the new CAKN climate stations.

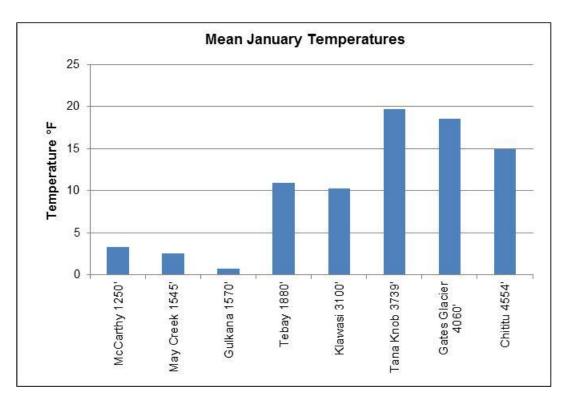


Figure 11. Mean January temperatures at 8 locations in WRST.

Correlations between the paired high and low elevation sites are best described by monthly means rather than annual means. In the summer, the higher sites tend to be 5 to 10° colder depending on the elevation (an increase in elevation lowers the temperature), but in the winter if the air is still and the temperature plummets, the cold air sinks into the valleys and a persistent inversion sets up and the higher elevations can be 10 to 20° F warmer than the surrounding lowlands. The air is often still in the darker winter months due to the lack of solar radiation that generates the surface winds that are so common in the summer. Of course, if a storm system moves in from the Gulf of Alaska or Bering Sea, warm ocean winds (known as Chinook) often funnel through the mountain passes, raising temperatures and stirring up the air. The areas just north of these mountain passes often get winds in excess of 40 mph during these events.

The following tables show the monthly and annual variation between low and high elevation sites in the three CAKN parks. Table 6 shows Chicken Creek and Chisana sites which are both located north of the Wrangell Mountain Range in WRST in the continental interior, north of two major mountain ranges. The annual temperature was 2.5 degrees colder at Chisana, the lower elevation site. January, February, March, October, November and December average temperatures were warmer at Chicken Creek. Table 6 also shows May Creek and Chititu which are both located in the Chitina River Valley between the Wrangell Mountain Range to the north and the Chugach Range to the south. The higher site, in this instance, was 0.9 degrees colder than the lower site, with the average winter monthly temperatures warmer at the higher site.

Table 7 shows the high and low elevation sites in YUCH. Coal Creek, the lower site, was surprisingly warmer than the Upper Charley site in January, but was colder in February, March,

November and December. January of 2006 was also warmer at Upper Charley. The records at Eagle were checked to see if they matched Coal Creek, and January temperatures at Coal Creek and Eagle were within 0.5 degrees of one another. The warmest high elevation site for 2007 was Eielson Visitor Center in Denali (Table 7). This site and Chicken Creek in WRST had warmer monthly average temperatures compared with the paired low elevation site for January, February, March, October, November, and December, or 6 out of 12 months.

Table 6. Mean monthly temperatures at high and low elevation paired sites in WRST.

Month	Chicken Creek	Chisana	Chititu	May Creek
	Elev 5260'	Elev 3320	Elev 4554'	Elev 1650'
Jan	11.4	-4.6	16	6.2
Feb	2.7	-6.2	8.4	-0.5
Mar	-4.3	-7.3	1.1	3.9
Apr	26.1	29.2	28.5	34.7
May	35.7	42.6	35.2	45.2
Jun	46.7	54.1	47.2	57.4
Jul	47.6	55.1	47	58
Aug	47.6	51.4	47.8	54.1
Sep	36	38.9	38.3	43
Oct	21.1	17.6	26.8	27.5
Nov	20.4	7	24.4	14.7
Dec	8.8	-7.8	14.9	2.5
Annual	25	22.5	28	28.9

Table 7. Mean monthly temperatures at paired high and low elevations in YUCH and DENA.

	YUC	Н	Dei	nali
Month	Upper Charley Elev 3654'	Coal Creek Elev 802'	Eielson VC Elev 3730'	Stampede Elev 1800'
Jan	-4	-3	10.2	-2.5
Feb	-5.1	-16.8	14.6	-3.8
Mar	-8.1	-9	-2.6	-8.8
Apr	29.6	35.1	32.6	34.2
May	35.3	48.7	39.6	44.7
Jun	51.7	60.4	48.2	53.6
Jul	53.7	62.1	50.7	56.2
Aug	51	55.1	49.9	52.7
Sep	31	41.4	40.3	41.2
Oct	16.8	17.8	23.7	17.4
Nov	13.6	11	24.8	14.2
Dec	-1.7	-6.6	13.5	-0.4
Annual	22	24.7	28.8	24.9

Red indicates warmer temperatures and blue indicates colder temperatures.

Precipitation

Annual precipitation totals throughout the network were below normal for most of the sites except for McCarthy and Eagle which were close to normal (Figure 12). It was a relatively dry year, yet the wildfire season was quiet. Convective storms were frequent throughout the interior with isolated rainfall that may not get picked up by the sparse network of long-term precipitation sites in the state. The total precipitation for Talkeetna was more than 6 inches less than normal and Gulkana was more than 3 inches less than normal (Table 8). The precipitation amounts for Yakutat are generally five times greater on average than the other sites in the network, because of this difference, Yakutat totals are on a separate graph (Figure 13).

McCarthy and Cantwell experienced a wet May with precipitation totals 200-400% of normal; it was the wettest May on record at McCarthy followed by the driest June on record. June and July were relatively dry with isolated rain showers throughout the interior. Cantwell, Talkeetna, Gulkana, and McCarthy precipitation totals were well above normal for August and September, with Eagle recording the wettest August on record (Figure 14). Yakutat had the driest summer on record with a total of 8.46 inches for June, July, and August – the normal is 26.19 inches. See Appendix B for records for all long-term sites.

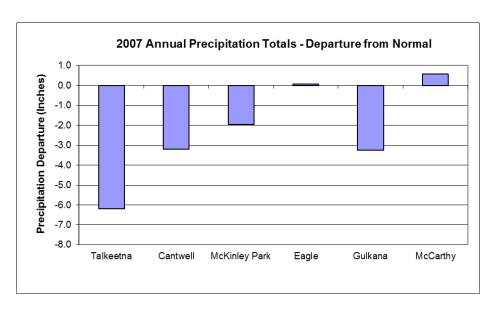


Figure 12. Annual precipitation totals - departure from normal 2007.

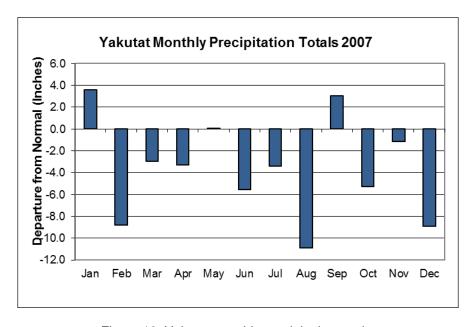


Figure 13. Yakutat monthly precipitation totals.

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years	Site	JAN	FEB											ARIRI
				MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC	ANN
28	Talkeetna													
	2007	1.50	0.01	0.33	0.02	0.55	1.13	3.73	3.77	6.30	1.34	1.47	1.84	21.99
	1971-2000	1.45	1.28	1.26	1.22	1.64	2.41	3.24	4.53	4.35	3.06	1.78	1.96	28.18
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24	Cantwell													
	2007	0.54	0.57	0.18	0.03	1.53	1.06	1.45	2.71	2.22	1.87	0.4	0.19	12.75
	1971-2000 normal	0.89	0.63	0.49	0.39	0.68	1.7	2.73	3.07	2.61	1.09	0.74	0.93	15.95
83	McKinley Pa	rk												
	2007	0.48	0.63	0.24	0.31	1.12	1.49	1.57	4.17	2.05	0.35	0.34	0.27	13.02
	1971-2000 normal	0.7	0.54	0.38	0.27	0.67	2.22	3.09	2.62	1.76	1.05	0.78	0.89	14.97
52	Eagle													
	2007	0.99	0	0.66	0.39	0.72	0.94	0.75	4.75	1.71	0.39	0.39	0.39	12.08
	1971-2000 normal	0.44	0.47	0.31	0.3	1.17	1.78	2.13	1.85	1.17	0.97	0.67	0.75	12.01
57	Gulkana													
	2007	1.01	0.02	0.61	0.07	0.63	0.52	1.35	0.59	2.05	0.26	0.39	0.64	8.14
	1971-2000 normal	0.45	0.52	0.36	0.22	0.59	1.54	1.82	1.8	1.44	1.02	0.67	0.97	11.4
22	McCarthy													
	2007	1.47	0.05	0.21	0.01	2.5	0.28	1.39	1.86	4.76	0.83	1.45	3.48	18.29
	1971-2000 normal	1	0.84	0.4	0.23	0.64	1.8	2.38	2.3	2.85	2.29	1.17	1.82	17.72
59	Yakutat													
	2007	16.76	2.19	8.43	7.50	9.87	1.60	4.46	2.40	23.90	18.74	14.02	6.95	116.82
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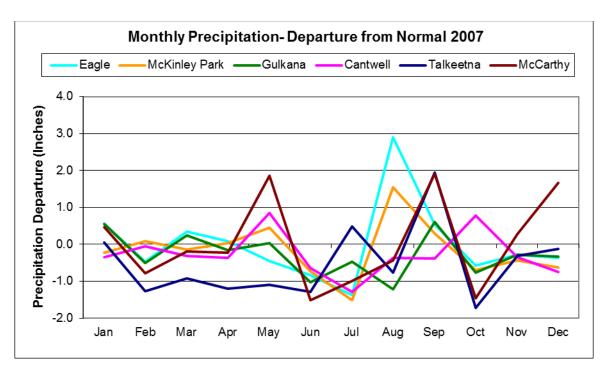
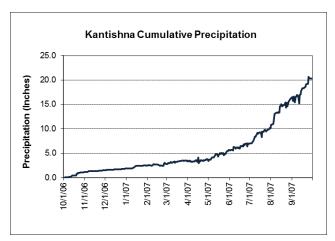
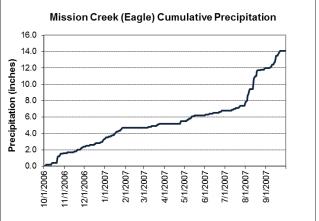


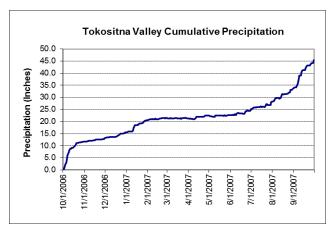
Figure 14. Monthly precipitation totals departure from normal for 2007.

Year round precipitation is recorded at the new snow telemetry (SNOTEL) sites deployed in DENA and WRST as part of the CAKN climate and snow programs. A site at Eagle provides this information for YUCH. These new sites provide an accurate representation of winter snow water equivalent at remote sites. These sites, along with the snow courses and aerial markers, surveyed monthly throughout the winter season, are based on the 'water year' running from October 1 through September 30. An annual report summarizing the snow and precipitation data from snow courses, aerial markers, and SNOTEL sites around the network is produced in the late fall of each year (Sousanes 2009). Two new SNOTEL sites in Denali, one new site in WRST, and an existing site near Eagle are briefly summarized in this report.

The Kantishna SNOTEL site recorded 3.8 inches of total winter precipitation for October 1, 2006 through May 1, 2007, and 16.5 inches from May1 through September 30, for a total annual precipitation amount of 20.3 inches. The Mission Creek SNOTEL, near Eagle, had a total of 6.1 inches of precipitation between October 1, 2006 and May 1, 2007, the average is 5.8 inches, and 8 inches for May through September for an annual total of 14.1 inches; just above the normal of 13.6 inches. At Tokositna Valley, on the south side of Denali, the precipitation gage recorded 22.6 inches of precipitation from October 1, 2006 through May 1, 2007, and 45.4 inches total for the year. Cumulative precipitation graphs for the three SNOTEL sites are presented in Figure 15 (note the differences in scale).







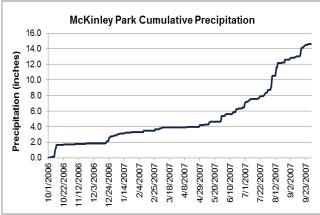


Figure 15. Cumulative precipitation for Water Year 2007 (Oct. 1 – Sep.30) for three SNOTEL sites.

Discussion

The 2007 field season marked the first year of operational climate monitoring within CAKN. From this point on the monitoring protocols will be updated as necessary to incorporate changes in the operational aspect of the program due to technological advances in equipment, etc. Annual maintenance and sensor calibration will be performed on an annual basis by network staff.

The CAKN climate stations transmit data via satellite and are available on the web at http://www.wrcc.dri.edu/NPS.html. Data products that are available on the web include daily and monthly summaries, time series graphs, wind rose graphs, data inventories, and station metadata for all of the automated stations. The data are downloaded from the stations each year and are QA/QC by network staff and sent to WRCC to fill in any gaps from missed satellite transmissions. The raw data are also available for download through the 'data lister' tool on the WRCC website.

During the 2007 field season maintenance and sensor calibrations were conducted for all of the CAKN climate stations during the FY2007 field season. There were three stations (Upper Charley in YUCH, Tana Knob in WRST, and Wigand Creek in DENA) that were 'disrupted' by bears this season – it is somewhat unusual to have 3 stations in one year impacted by wildlife The equipment was either repaired or replaced and all sites are back on-line.

A third snow telemetry (SNOTEL) site was added to the network at May Creek in Wrangell-St. Elias under a contract with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). This site is identical to the other SNOTEL sites and will provide year round precipitation data including a tipping bucket for summer rainfall, an all-weather gage for mixed precipitation and snowfall, and a snow depth sensor. The data from this station are transmitted hourly via meteor burst communication and are online at http://www.ambcs.org/SiteViewer.shtml. In addition to these measurements the site also measures and records air temperature and solar radiation. This is the third of five SNOTEL sites planned for the network.

The report summarized the climate for the CAKN region with brief references to the Alaska region climate and the global climate. For a graphic display of worldwide significant climate anomalies for 2007 see Appendix D.

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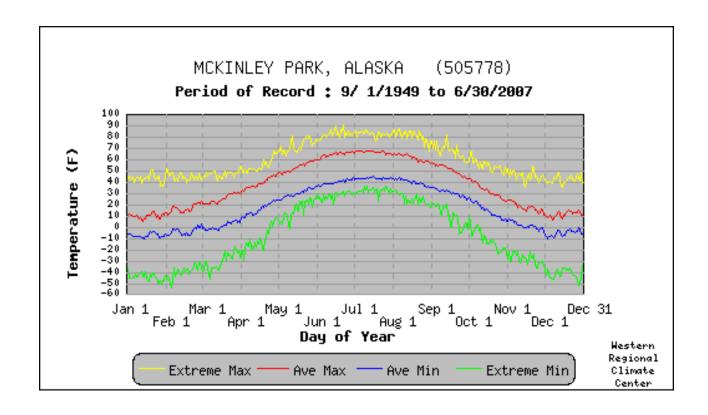
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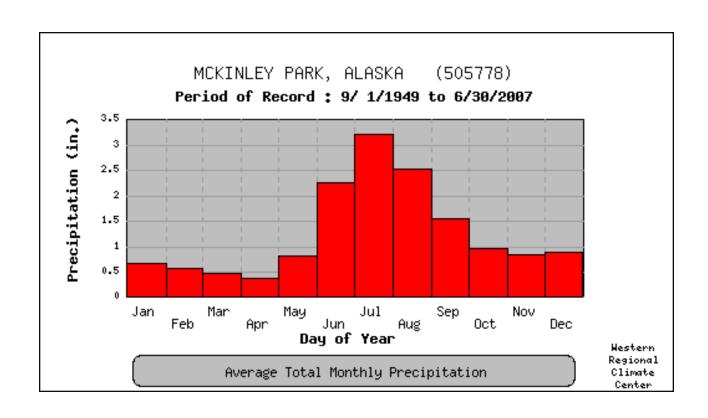
Appendix A: Period of Record Means for Long-term Sites in CAKN

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McKinley Park Period of Record Monthly Climate Summary

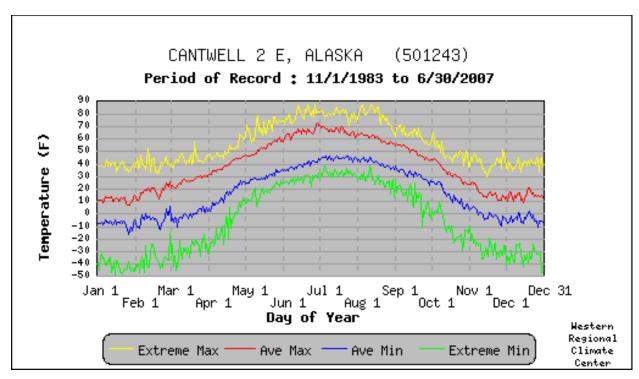
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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Average Max. Temperature (F)	9.6	16.1	25.0	38.7	53.5	64.3	66.4	61.4	50.5	32.3	17.6	11.2	37.2
Average Min. Temperature (F)	-7.5	-4.3	0.8	15.7	29.8	39.6	43.3	39.9	30.5	14.4	1.1	-5.7	16.5
Average Total Precipitation (in.)	0.68	0.58	0.47	0.37	0.83	2.29	3.24	2.54	1.58	0.97	0.84	0.91	15.29
Average Total Snow Fall (in.)	10.5	9.8	7.8	5.1	3.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	4.4	12.8	13.3	13.6	80.7
Average Snow Depth (in.)	17	20	21	17	2	0	0	0	1	3	8	13	8

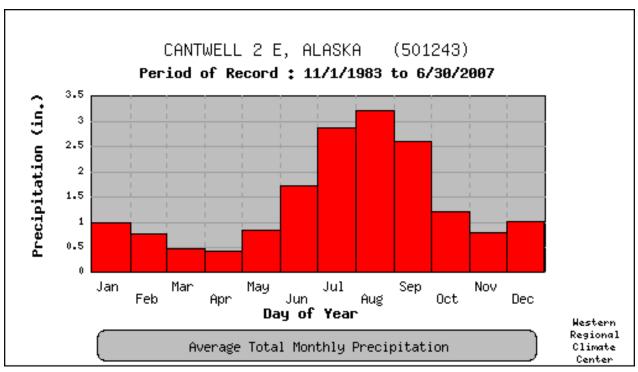




Cantwell Period of Record Monthly Climate Summary

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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Average Max. Temperature (F)	11.2	17.6	25.8	38.7	52.7	65.0	66.2	60.4	49.7	32.4	16.3	14.7	37.5
Average Min. Temperature (F)	-8.5	-5.3	-1.0	14.7	28.8	38.2	44.3	40.3	30.7	14.7	-1.3	-4.7	15.9
Average Total Precipitation (in.)	0.98	0.76	0.46	0.42	0.84	1.74	2.88	3.23	2.63	1.18	0.81	1.02	16.95
Average Total Snow Fall (in.)	22.2	16.0	12.7	10.6	5.6	0.2	0.3	0.0	4.3	16.3	18.3	21.8	128.2
Average Snow Depth (in.)	25	29	29	21	3	0	0	0	0	3	9	15	11

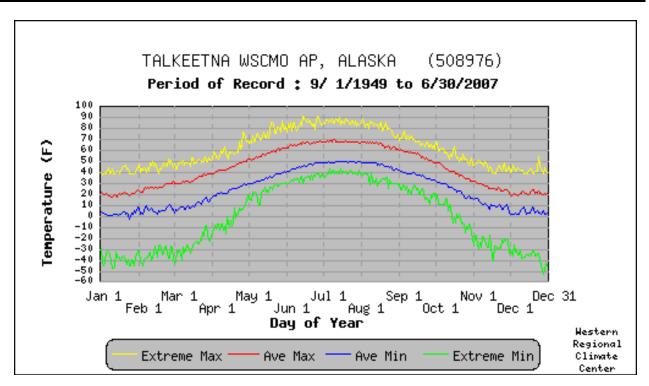


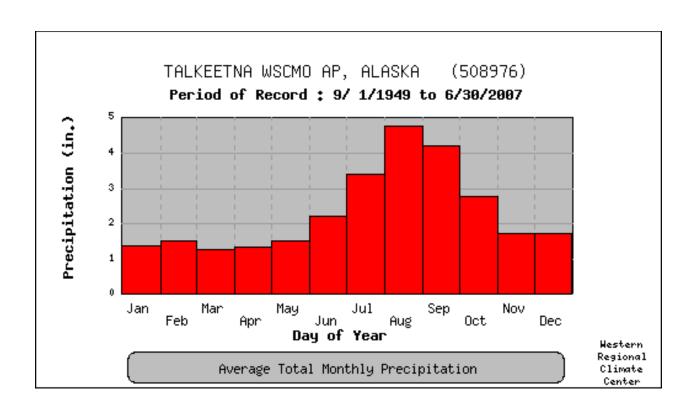


Talkeetna Period of Record Monthly Climate Summary

Period of Record: 9/1/1949 to 6/30/2007

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Average Max. Temperature (F)	19.7	26.1	33.5	44.7	56.8	65.8	68.0	64.7	55.5	39.9	26.1	20.4	43.4
Average Min. Temperature (F)	1.9	5.7	9.8	23.4	34.7	45.2	49.6	46.3	37.2	24.0	9.8	3.4	24.3
Average Total Precipitation (in.)	1.38	1.49	1.27	1.35	1.53	2.25	3.40	4.77	4.21	2.77	1.73	1.72	27.88
Average Total Snow Fall (in.)	18.6	20.0	17.1	9.2	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	11.6	19.2	22.8	120.6
Average Snow Depth (in.)	27	30	31	18	2	0	0	0	0	2	8	17	11

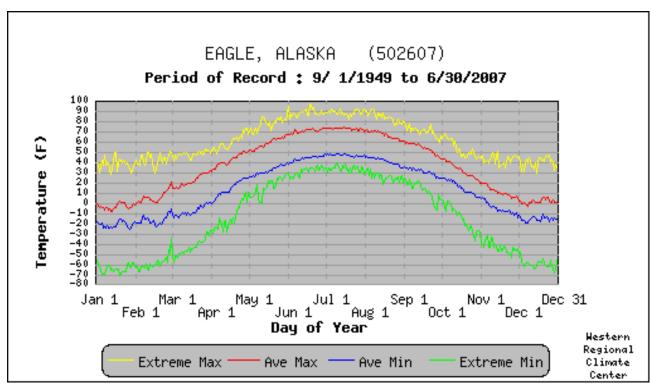


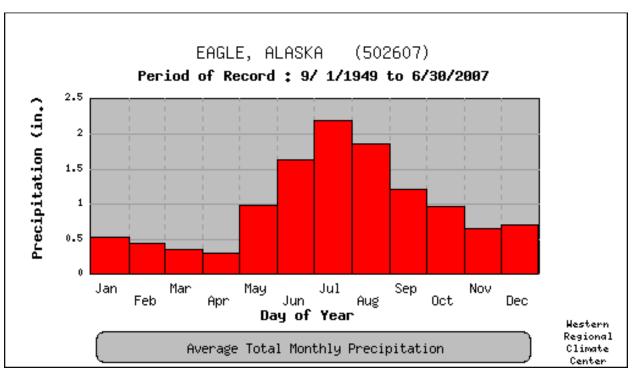


Eagle Period of Record Monthly Climate Summary

Period of Record: 9/ 1/1949 to 6/30/2007

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Average Max. Temperature (F)	-3.6	5.1	22.1	42.0	59.0	70.8	72.8	66.8	53.7	32.2	11.2	1.3	36.1
Average Min. Temperature (F)	-21.4	-17.1	-8.0	14.0	31.8	43.7	47.0	41.1	30.6	15.1	-5.3	-15.7	13.0
Average Total Precipitation (in.)	0.53	0.43	0.36	0.31	0.99	1.65	2.21	1.87	1.24	0.97	0.67	0.71	11.94
Average Total Snow Fall (in.)	7.8	6.9	5.3	3.1	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	9.6	10.7	11.5	56.7
Average Snow Depth (in.)	17	20	21	13	0	0	0	0	0	2	8	13	8

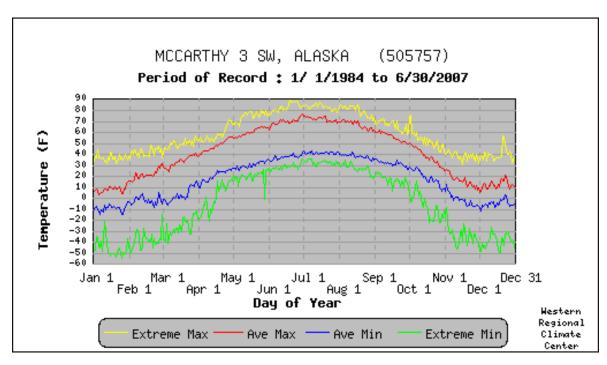


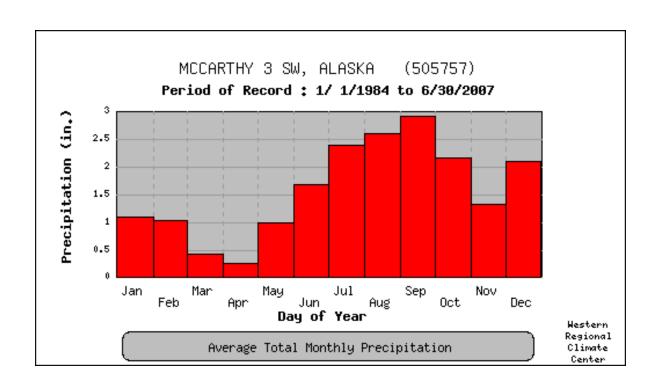


McCarthy Period of Record Monthly Climate Summary

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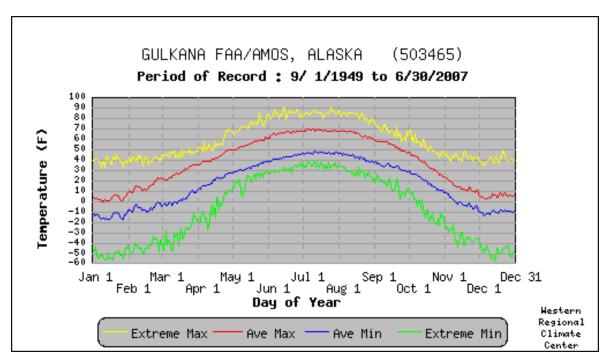
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Average Max. Temperature (F)	8.4	21.0	33.1	47.3	59.9	69.3	71.7	66.7	55.6	37.9	16.0	12.6	41.6
Average Min. Temperature (F)	-8.9	-2.1	2.9	20.2	29.7	37.4	41.1	38.0	31.0	18.7	-1.7	-4.1	16.9
Average Total Precipitation	1.14	1.04	0.42	0.26	1.01	1.68	2.37	2.60	2.94	2.19	1.37	1.99	19.0
(in.) Average Total Snow Fall (in.)	12.6	8.9	5.0	2.4	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	9.9	13.6	12.6	68.2
Average Snow Depth (in.)	17	22	23	13	0	0	0	0	0	2	8	13	8

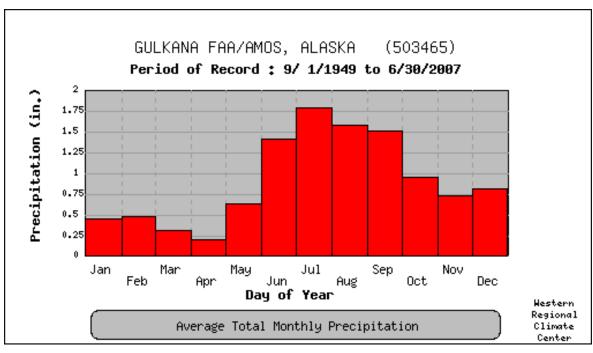




Gulkana Period of Record Monthly Climate Summary

Period of Record: 9/1/1949 to 6/30/2007 Jan Feb Mar May Jun Jul Sep Nov Dec Annual Aug Oct Average Max. 2.6 14.2 27.9 42.3 55.5 65.7 68.5 64.8 53.8 35.2 13.9 5.1 37.4 Temperature (F) Average Min. -14.1 -6.8 1.5 19.7 32.8 42.3 46.3 42.3 33.2 18.6 -1.5 -10.7 17.0 Temperature (F) Average Total 0.46 0.20 1.54 0.96 0.49 0.31 0.65 1.42 1.80 1.60 0.73 0.83 10.99 Precipitation (in.) Average Total 7.1 7.6 5.0 2.6 0.5 0.0 0.0 0.1 1.1 8.0 8.9 10.3 51.2 Snow Fall (in.) Average Snow 0 0 2 14 14 5 0 0 0 6 11 6 16 Depth (in.)

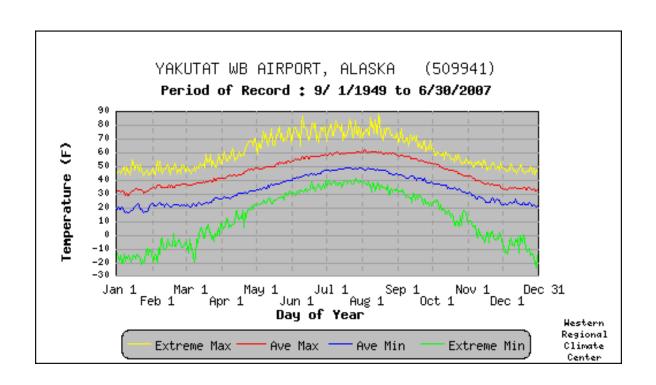


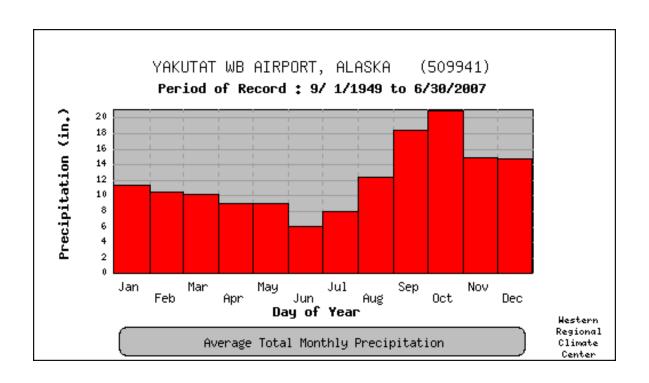


Yakutat Period of Record Monthly Climate Summary

Period of Record: 9/ 1/1949 to 6/30/2007

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Average Max. Temperature (F)	31.6	35.5	38.4	44.5	50.8	56.5	59.8	60.2	55.4	47.3	38.3	33.9	46.0
Average Min. Temperature (F)	18.7	21.7	23.2	29.3	36.5	43.7	48.0	46.7	41.1	34.4	26.2	22.5	32.7
Average Total Precipitation (in.)	11.34	10.42	10.25	9.06	8.94	5.99	8.03	12.33	18.34	20.96	14.88	14.72	145.3
Average Total Snow Fall (in.)	35.1	35.3	36.8	15.4	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.9	21.9	36.3	186.7
Average Snow Depth (in.)	14	16	20	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	9	6





Appendix B: 2007 Extremes at Long-term Stations

Daily summary stats retrieved from: http://www.wrcc.dri.edu/cgi-bin/cliMAIN.pl?ak5778

Monthly summary stats retrieved from: http://www.wrcc.dri.edu/cgi-bin/cliMAIN.pl?ak5778

McKinley Park - 2007 Records - 83 years

- 05 years	
52*, 51	Feb 1, 2
52	Apr 7, 9
69	Aug 30
-32	Feb 24
-31	Mar 3
-31	Mar 16
0.57	May 29
1.30	Aug 7
0.94	Aug 13
2.0	Dec 12
52	Feb 1
-5.2	2007
	52*, 51 52 69 -32 -31 -31 0.57 1.30 0.94 2.0 52

Talkeetna – 2007 Records – 57 years

Record High Temperatures °F	40, 44	Jan 29, 31
	47, 40	Feb 1, 2
	52	Apr 6
	59, 58	Apr 21, 22
	86, 87	Jun 19, 20
	71	Aug 29
	46	Nov 1
Record Low temperatures °F	-19, -8	Mar 25, 27
Record High Precipitation – In.	1.95	Sep 8
	1.00	Dec 4
Driest April on record	0.02	April

Cantwell – 2007 records – 24 years

Record High Temperatures °F	37, 40	Jan 29, 30
	44	Feb 2
	46, 49	Apr 6, 8
	81	Jun 29
	77, 78	Jul 25, 26
	73, 71, 69	Aug 26, 28, 30
	37, 39	Oct 31, Nov 1

	38, 39, 42	Nov 20, 21, 22
Record Low temperatures °F	-43	Feb 23
	-37	Feb 28
	-22, -23	Mar 18, 19
	30	Jun 27
	29	Jul 12
	31	Jul 24
	29, 26, 28	Aug 9, 10
Record Precipitation	.09, 0.39	Feb 16, 17
	0.01	Mar 21
	0.08	May 6
	0.11	May 12
	0.19, 0.58	May 27, 28
	0.14	Jun 4
	0.56	Aug 14
Record Snowfall – In.	2.3	May 12
	4.0	Oct 23
	3.0	Dec 5
Coldest March on record	-2.2	2007
Driest April on record	0.03	2007

Eagle – 2007 Records -52 years

Record High Temperatures °F	58	Apr 8, 10
	63	Apr 23
	89	Jun 5
	86	Jul 21
Record Low temperatures °F	-56, -54	Feb 24, 25
	-52	Mar 3
Record Precipitation – In.	0.26	Mar 7
	0.09	Mar 15
	0.09	Mar 24
	0.12	May 5
	0.70	Aug 5
	0.19	Nov 24
	0.14	Dec 26
Record snowfall – In.	3.0	Jan 16
	4.0	Jan 24
	2.5	Mar 22
	3.0	Dec 26
Most snowfall in January - In.	21	2007
Coldest March on Record °F	-10.3	2007
Warmest July on record	64.1	2007
Wettest August on record	4.75	2007

McCarthy 2007 Records - 22 years of data

WicCartify 2007 Records = 22	years or uata	
Record high Temperatures °F	34	Jan 26
	53, 56, 53	Apr 7, 8, 9
	55	Apr 21
	82	Jun 28
	71	Aug 30
	68, 67	Sep 12, 13
	43	Nov 1
Record Low Temperatures °F	-42, -41, -37, -38	Feb 23, 25, 27, 28
	-38, -40,	Mar 1, 3
	-14, -15, -14, -12	Mar 27, 28, 29, 30
	17	Apr 21
	-1	May 28
Record Precipitation	0.12	Jan 23
	0.18, 0.04	May 10, 12
	0.75	May 17
	0.50	May 26
	0.09, 0.48	Jun 30, Jul 1
	0.81, 1.12	Sep 9, 10
	1.07	Sep 19
	0.32	Oct 25
	1.09	Nov 14
Record Snowfall – In.	2.6	Jan 14
	1.2	Jan 23
	0.8	Mar 14
	4.4	Oct 24
	15.1	Nov 13
	2.0	Dec 17
Driest February In.	0.05	2007
Coldest March °F	4.4	2007
Wettest May – In.	2.50	2007
Driest June – In.	0.28	2007

Yakutat 200 7records – 59 years of data

Takutat 200 /Tecorus – 37 yea	is of adda	
Record High temperatures °F:	71	Aug 28
Record Low temperatures °F	-3	Mar 4
Record Low temperatures T	-3	
	8	Mar 20
	9	Mar 31
Record precipitation – Inches	1.35	Mar 21
	2.86	May 30
Record Snowfall – In.	13.5, 11.4	Mar 13, 14
Driest August on Record – In.	2.40	August Total
Driest Summer on Record –	8.46	Summer Total
In.		

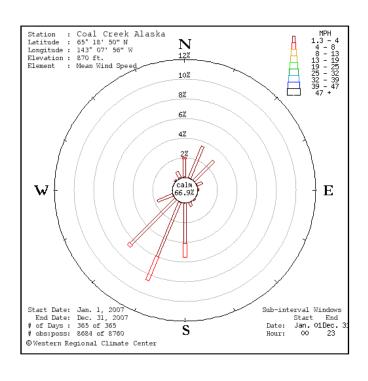
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Record High temperatures °F	51	Apr 8
Record Low temperatures °F	-37	Feb 22, 23
	-33, -26	Mar 16, 17
	-20	Mar 27
	37	Jul 17
Record precipitation - Inches	0.14	Jan 22
	0.18	Mar 21
	0.29	May 5
	0.41	Jul 1
	0.42	Sep 16
	0.26	Dec 11
Coldest March on Record	0	March Mean

Appendix C: CAKN Climate Station Monthly Data

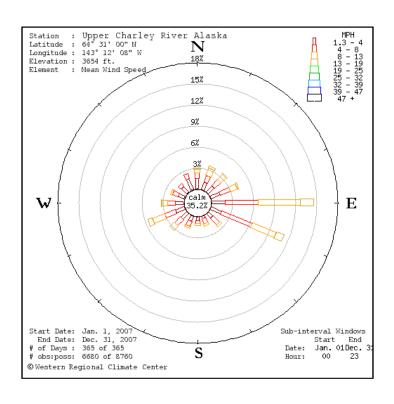
Coal Creek Alaska

	Solar Radiation	Mean Wind Speed	Mean Wind Direction	Maximum Wind Gust		verage emperat			erage s peratur Inches	e - 20	Aver I	tive	Snow Depth	
Date	ly	mph	Deg	mph		Deg F			Deg F			%		in
mm/yyyy	Total	Ave.	Ave.	Max.	Ave.	Max.	Min.	Ave.	Max.	Min.	Ave.	Max.	Min.	Ave.
01/2007	25	1	111	10	-3	30	-47	24	25	23	79	91	60	13
02/2007	1224	1	194	8	-17	29	-52	20	24	14	69	93	40	12
03/2007	3191	2	211	10	-9	34	-47	15	16	14	62	85	26	14
04/2007	9570	2	226	10	35	59	-7	23	28	16	54	95	14	7
05/2007	12645	2	222	13	49	76	21	29	30	0	49	97	12	0
06/2007	13667	1	220	11	60	83	36	30	31	0	53	96	13	0
07/2007	12426	1	207	83	62	80	43	31	31	30	65	100	17	0
08/2007	9312	1	194	9	55	83	33	32	33	31	77	100	25	1
09/2007	4740	1	245	9	41	66	19	32	32	0	80	100	31	1
10/2007	1357	1	203	9	18	45	-8	31	31	0	87	98	48	4
11/2007	121	1	186	11	11	38	-20	31	31	31	84	98	53	6
12/2007	32	1	158	10	-7	23	-41	30	31	27	78	95	45	9



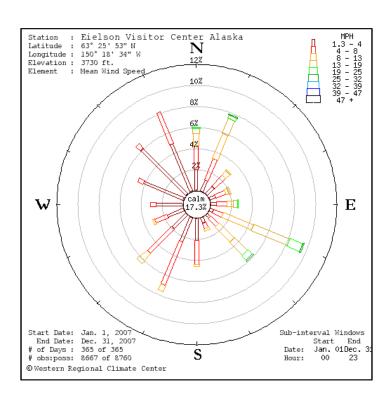
Upper Charley River Alaska

	Solar Radiation	Mean Wind Speed	Mean Wind Direction	Maximum Wind Gust		erage i			erage S perature Inches		Avera		Snow Depth	
Date	ly	mph	Deg	mph		Deg F			Deg F			%		in
mm/yyyy	Total	Ave.	Ave.	Max.	Ave.	Max.	Min.	Ave.	Max.	Min.	Ave.	Max.	Min.	Ave.
01/2007	98	1	47	22	-4	24	-30	m	m	m	49	100	m	14
02/2007	2329	6	89	23	-5	27	-37	m	m	m	27	100	0	15
03/2007	6771	4	6	21	-8	27	-34	m	m	m	m	m	m	15
04/2007	11978	6	114	34	30	46	10	m	m	m	m	m	m	13
05/2007	5885	6	351	28	35	47	25	m	m	m	m	m	m	7
06/2007	10900	5	330	26	52	68	36	m	m	m	60	98	15	4
07/2007	12054	4	311	29	54	67	45	m	m	m	73	100	32	0
08/2007	8022	5	216	23	51	71	37	m	m	m	50	100	2	2
09/2007	12	2	253	3	31	31	31	m	m	m	100	100	100	3
10/2007	298	4	97	19	17	31	3	m	m	m	96	99	88	4
11/2007	304	4	83	22	14	28	2	m	m	m	94	100	79	7
12/2007	74	3	65	24	-2	19	-24	m	m	m	84	96	37	10



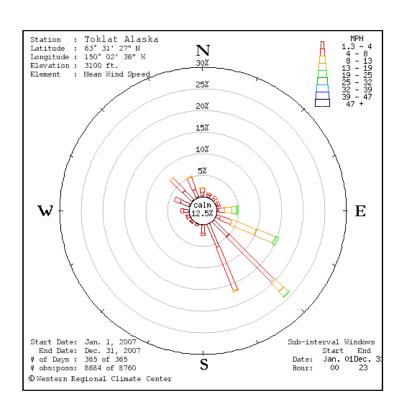
Eielson Visitor Center Alaska

	Solar Radiation	Mean Wind Speed	Mean Wind Direction	Maximum Wind Gust		verage A mperatu			Average Relative Humidity		
Date	ly	mph	Deg	mph	Deg F				%		
mm/yyyy	Total	Ave.	Ave.	Max.	Ave. Max. Min.		Ave.	Max.	Min.		
01/2007	451	6	340	43	10	50	-28	61	94	11	
02/2007	2385	5	316	31	15	51	-14	54	99	10	
03/2007	7569	5	278	34	-3	36	-27	60	90	16	
04/2007	11766	7	91	37	33	46	19	52	100	17	
05/2007	14647	5	167	41	40	61	24	66	100	19	
06/2007	13263	5	202	24	48	64	34	68	100	22	
07/2007	10839	4	221	17	51	63	41	82	100	35	
08/2007	10076	5	202	24	50	68	41	75	100	31	
09/2007	6449	5	169	36	40	56	29	71	100	14	
10/2007	2991	4	311	95	24	37	5	69	100	19	
11/2007	752	8	37	36	25	51	-4	63	100	11	
12/2007	168	7	343	38	13	51	-17	63	98	7	



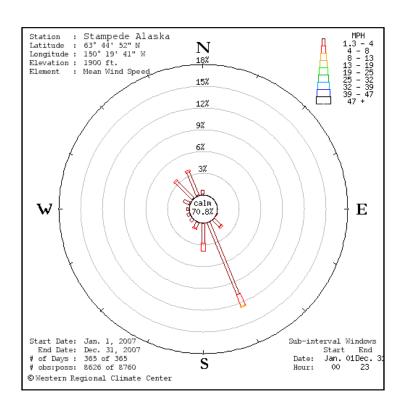
Toklat Alaska

	Solar Radiation	Mean Wind Speed	Mean Wind Direction	Maximum Wind Gust		erage /			erage Seperature		Avera F		Snow Depth	
Date	ly	mph	Deg	mph		Deg F			Deg F			%		in
mm/yyyy	Total	Ave.	Ave.	Max.	Ave.	Max.	Min.	Ave.	Max.	Min.	Ave.	Max.	Min.	Ave.
01/2007	365	6	139	36	7	52	-31	20	29	16	66	91	17	4
02/2007	1948	5	148	33	5	50	-31	17	30	8	70	98	19	2
03/2007	6370	4	150	26	-8	35	-34	14	19	11	64	87	21	4
04/2007	10253	8	125	31	32	47	8	30	43	0	56	98	21	1
05/2007	12860	5	127	25	42	64	19	42	59	32	63	99	18	1
06/2007	13484	5	129	22	51	66	37	53	66	0	63	98	17	5
07/2007	10879	3	140	18	53	66	39	56	65	46	77	98	32	7
08/2007	9332	4	129	19	51	72	37	52	63	43	75	100	28	7
09/2007	5663	5	139	42	41	57	26	41	53	32	73	100	27	1
10/2007	2603	5	151	26	20	37	0	31	32	27	77	100	34	6
11/2007	619	7	138	33	22	41	-8	28	30	25	69	98	23	7
12/2007	121	6	146	31	10	49	-28	25	28	0	70	95	8	7



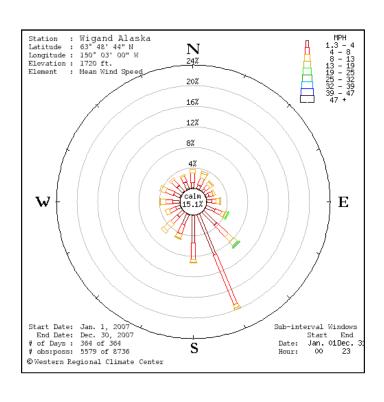
Stampede Alaska

	Solar Radiation	Mean Wind Speed	Mean Wind Direction	Maximum Wind Gust		erage /			erage S perature Inches		Avera		Snow Depth	
Date	ly	mph	Deg	mph		Deg F			Deg F			%		in
mm/yyyy	Total	Ave.	Ave.	Max.	Ave.	Max.	Min.	Ave.	Max.	Min.	Ave.	Max.	Min.	Ave.
01/2007	125	0	224	17	-2	57	-44	m	m	m	79	95	19	9
02/2007	656	1	191	11	-4	47	-41	m	m	m	77	94	30	9
03/2007	2792	1	175	13	-9	36	-43	m	m	m	64	89	18	12
04/2007	9424	2	153	20	34	54	0	m	m	m	60	97	19	5
05/2007	11891	2	158	14	45	72	24	m	m	m	62	99	15	0
06/2007	12544	2	157	12	54	74	31	57	71	49	66	99	20	0
07/2007	11443	1	138	195	56	74	40	60	72	52	77	99	28	0
08/2007	9031	1	166	8	53	74	34	56	68	45	81	100	27	0
09/2007	5312	1	154	9	41	65	21	44	58	33	84	100	26	0
10/2007	1191	1	238	17	17	41	-5	31	37	0	87	100	50	4
11/2007	437	1	168	17	14	44	-13	26	29	22	83	97	32	8
12/2007	67	0	1	9	0	28	-39	21	24	16	83	97	53	12



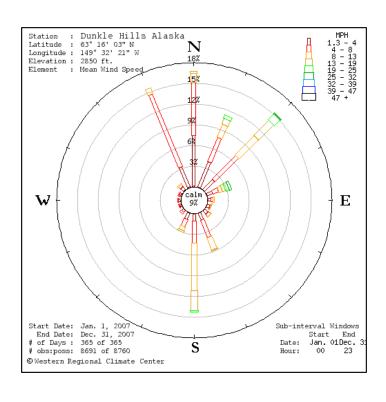
Wigand Alaska

	Solar Radiation	Mean Wind Speed	Mean Wind Direction	Maximum Wind Gust		erage i			rerage S perature Inches		Avera	lative y	Snow Depth	
Date	ly	mph	Deg	mph		Deg F			Deg F			%		in
mm/yyyy	Total	Ave.	Ave.	Max.	Ave. Max. Min. Ave. Max. Mir				Min.	Ave.	Max.	Min.	Ave.	
01/2007	329	4	163	42	0	51	-40	22	31	17	0	0	0	12
02/2007	1075	3	168	39	-3	48	-40	14	31	0	0	0	0	9
03/2007	4141	4	176	24	-11	29	-41	7	11	4	0	0	0	9
04/2007	10532	6	149	38	35	54	1	26	32	11	0	1	0	7
05/2007	12628	6	185	25	45	70	22	35	46	30	1	3	0	6
06/2007	12930	6	199	26	54	73	33	44	53	35	46	97	0	2
07/2007	5912	5	218	20	56	74	36	49	55	43	73	98	30	0
08/2007	2286	4	111	22	51	66	33	46	50	40	75	99	38	1
09/2007	5348	4	152	32	42	65	22	39	48	31	79	100	18	0
10/2007	107	2	172	6	32	40	22	31	32	31	92	100	69	1
11/2007	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
12/2007	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m



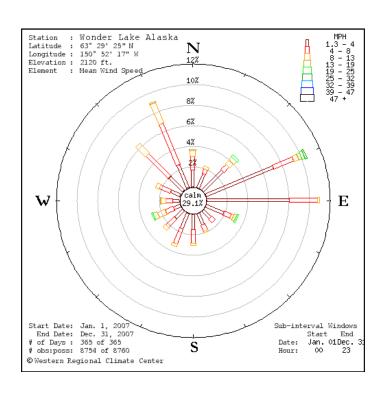
Dunkle Hills Alaska

	Solar Radiation	Mean Wind Speed	Mean Wind Direction	Maximum Wind Gust		erage mperat			verage S nperature Inches		Avera	lative y	Snow Depth	
Date	ly	mph	Deg	mph		Deg F			Deg F			%		in
mm/yyyy	Total	Ave.	Ave.	Max.	Ave.	Max.	Min.	Ave.	Max.	Min.	Ave.	Max.	Min.	Ave.
01/2007	597	7	28	27	9	35	-20	20	24	15	80	96	52	18
02/2007	3489	8	15	32	6	34	-20	21	24	15	67	93	22	17
03/2007	9229	11	24	38	-2	27	-23	12	16	8	63	89	27	14
04/2007	13018	5	2	31	30	44	8	24	31	14	67	93	39	10
05/2007	14121	6	217	26	40	66	23	37	47	29	68	97	22	0
06/2007	14403	6	148	27	50	73	33	47	57	39	66	97	22	0
07/2007	12446	6	165	22	51	70	34	51	58	46	79	97	32	1
08/2007	10502	6	152	23	50	73	34	50	57	43	79	100	27	0
09/2007	5769	5	58	23	40	55	23	41	50	34	84	100	34	0
10/2007	3216	4	17	24	23	40	3	33	35	32	84	100	42	7
11/2007	804	5	26	25	22	39	5	31	32	0	86	100	52	13
12/2007	232	7	16	35	10	41	-23	31	31	30	77	99	16	22



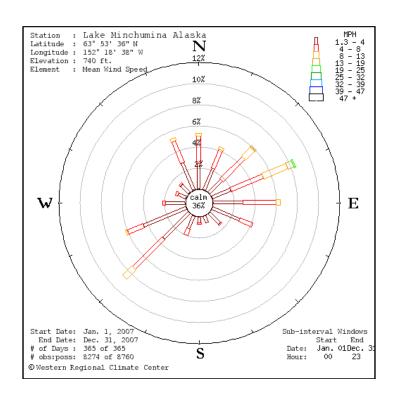
Wonder Lake Alaska

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Date	ly	mph	Deg	mph		Deg F		Deg F			%			in
mm/yyyy	Total	Ave.	Ave.	Max.	Ave.	Max.	Min.	Ave.	Ave. Max. Min.			Max.	Min.	Total
01/2007	309	2	84	34	2	49	-35	0	50	-36	63	90	32	0
02/2007	1272	3	43	46	1	43	-29	1	39	-31	65	98	14	0
03/2007	5709	4	39	37	-6	42	-31	-5	52	-34	50	80	12	0
04/2007	10087	4	61	44	34	58	8	35	69	5	56	99	17	0
05/2007	11677	5	28	36	44	73	24	46	86	21	63	100	17	2
06/2007	12776	5	28	28	54	76	30	56	90	29	68	100	17	2
07/2007	10473	4	35	27	56	74	38	58	88	37	82	100	36	4
08/2007	9197	5	6	36	53	75	34	55	85	33	83	100	29	7
09/2007	5538	4	42	23	42	65	24	43	73	23	79	100	32	3
10/2007	2615	3	55	39	18	40	-1	19	49	0	76	100	35	0
11/2007	497	3	82	41	16	40	-10	15	39	-11	69	100	39	0
12/2007	81	3	57	45	4	40	-30	3	38	-32	66	100	22	0



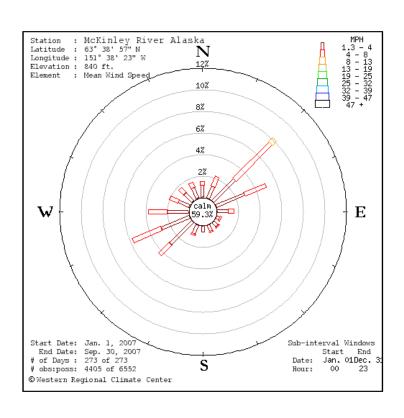
Lake Minchumina Alaska

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Date	ly	mph	Deg	mph		Deg F Deg F			%			in		
mm/yyyy	Total	Ave.	Ave.	Max.	Ave.	Max.	Min.	Ave.	Max.	Min.	Ave.	Max.	Min.	Total
01/2007	23	1	312	13	-10	29	-41	-3	22	-29	80	97	64	0
02/2007	1451	3	35	43	1	26	-32	1	19	-30	68	95	33	0
03/2007	4773	4	28	26	0	40	-27	-1	31	-22	55	89	20	0
04/2007	10001	3	50	39	40	63	9	41	83	8	52	99	14	0
05/2007	13371	4	165	30	51	83	29	53	91	22	51	99	14	1
06/2007	9839	3	277	21	61	86	40	61	98	34	58	100	21	3
07/2007	13677	3	242	24	63	87	44	63	101	39	76	100	30	3
08/2007	9863	2	275	22	59	83	44	58	91	36	84	100	29	3
09/2007	5642	3	337	24	46	71	31	45	76	25	84	100	45	2
10/2007	1203	3	38	29	23	43	10	23	47	1	87	100	56	0
11/2007	85	2	333	24	11	32	-21	11	32	-13	88	100	64	0
12/2007	76	3	350	52	0	33	-42	3	24	-31	74	100	20	0



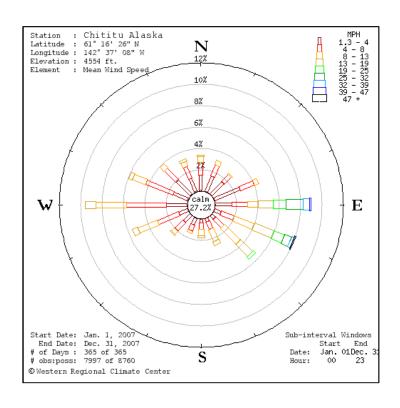
McKinley River Alaska

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Date	ly	mph	Deg	mph		Deg F			Deg F			%		in	in
mm/yyyy	Total	Ave.	Ave.	Max.	Ave.	Max.	Min.	Ave.	Max.	Min.	Ave.	Max.	Min.	Ave.	Total
01/2007	21	0	178	9	-18	15	-46	-11	13	-37	70	93	50	m	0
02/2007	160	0	99	29	-9	23	-46	-7	18	-41	69	97	40	10	0
03/2007	2519	2	83	52	-6	36	-41	-8	27	-41	56	91	22	12	0
04/2007	7552	2	91	21	36	62	-6	35	75	-7	60	100	15	4	1
05/2007	11328	2	176	24	49	81	19	51	95	17	57	100	1	0	1
06/2007	13783	2	223	18	37	85	32	60	101	28	8	89	0	2	2
07/2007	6926	2	211	18	61	84	36	62	99	34	72	100	26	1	4
08/2007	2065	2	236	19	57	75	43	57	87	41	84	100	39	1	2
09/2007	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
10/2007	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
11/2007	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
12/2007	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m



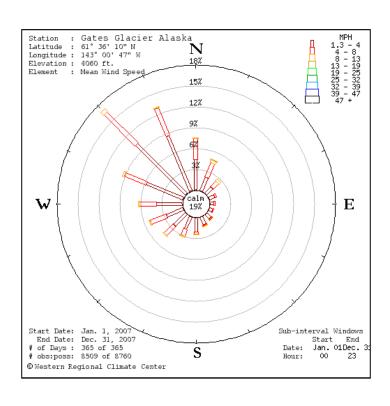
Chititu Alaska

	Solar Radiation	Mean Wind Speed	Mean Wind Direction	Maximum Wind Gust		erage A		Ave	Fuel T	emp		age Rel Humidity		Snow Depth
Date	ly	mph	Deg	mph		Deg F			Deg F			%		in
mm/yyyy	Total	Ave.	Ave.	Max.	Ave.	Max.	Min.	Ave.	Max.	Min.	Ave.	Max.	Min.	Ave.
01/2007	740	15	92	61	16	47	-23	18	24	12	67	96	15	m
02/2007	1818	6	331	32	8	47	-24	13	23	0	67	97	15	m
03/2007	6765	9	328	48	1	-26	-28	7	12	0	68	94	23	m
04/2007	11651	6	85	75	28	40	15	20	31	11	54	96	26	m
05/2007	11820	7	176	29	35	52	24	32	39	30	71	99	22	m
06/2007	15351	7	302	28	47	61	33	38	41	35	59	99	24	m
07/2007	10811	5	277	27	47	62	37	39	44	34	52	100	0	m
08/2007	10900	5	286	25	48	63	39	43	48	40	77	100	33	m
09/2007	4684	10	100	57	38	55	28	38	44	33	83	100	37	m
10/2007	1260	1	359	31	27	35	0	32	33	32	13	100	0	m
11/2007	570	4	0	0	24	34	12	29	32	23	6	69	0	m
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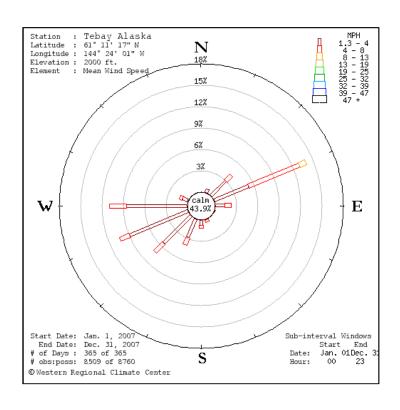
Gates Glacier Alaska

	Solar Radiation	Mean Wind Speed	Mean Wind Direction	Maximum Wind Gust		erage /			erage S perature Inches			age Rel Iumidity		Snow Depth
Date	ly	mph	Deg	mph		Deg F			Deg F			%		in
mm/yyyy	Total	Ave.	Ave.	Max.	Ave.	Max.	Min.	Ave.	Max.	Min.	Ave.	Max.	Min.	Ave.
01/2007	719	4	329	25	17	49	-20	30	32	0	71	97	18	37
02/2007	2505	2	324	15	8	49	-23	30	31	30	72	97	18	37
03/2007	7206	3	316	24	4	29	-22	29	31	29	66	95	20	42
04/2007	13246	3	309	23	29	41	15	31	31	30	52	97	12	43
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08/2007	11440	2	280	19	49	64	39	52	63	43	67	100	24	3
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10/2007	2456	3	333	33	26	38	9	33	34	33	78	100	42	15
11/2007	1044	4	329	29	25	38	13	33	34	32	67	99	9	24
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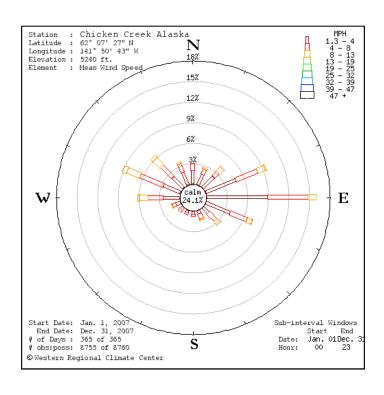
Tebay Alaska

	Solar Radiation	Mean Wind Speed	Mean Wind Direction	Maximum Wind Gust		rerage /		Temp	erage S erature Inches			Average Re Humidit		Snow Depth
Date	ly	mph	Deg	mph		Deg F			Deg F			%		in
mm/yyyy	Total	Ave.	Ave.	Max.	Ave.	Max.	Min.	Ave.	Max.	Min.	Ave.	Max.	Min.	Ave.
01/2007	151	2	64	31	14	35	-27	29	29	29	92	99	73	38
02/2007	2067	3	69	14	8	38	-25	29	29	28	74	98	20	41
03/2007	6921	4	79	15	6	33	-16	27	28	26	64	97	35	41
04/2007	12406	1	203	14	31	46	0	29	31	27	69	100	28	31
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06/2007	16476	3	251	12	51	75	32	49	62	38	68	99	14	1
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08/2007	10912	2	239	9	52	71	35	53	68	0	81	100	24	2
09/2007	5668	2	151	9	43	60	28	46	59	38	88	100	40	2
10/2007	2064	1	96	59	30	46	13	35	42	32	88	100	45	4
11/2007	183	1	82	10	22	36	0	33	33	0	93	100	75	24
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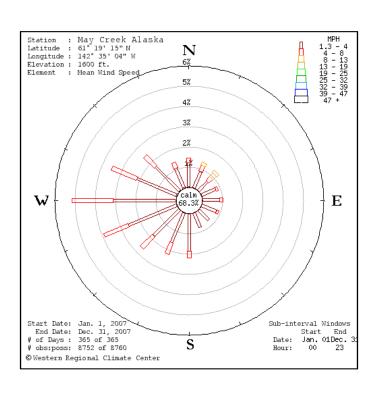
Chicken Creek Alaska

	Solar Radiation	Mean Wind Speed	Mean Wind Direction	Maximum Wind Gust		erage /			erage S perature Inches			age Rel Iumidity		Snow Depth
Date	ly	mph	Deg	mph		Deg F			Deg F			%		in
mm/yyyy	Total	Ave.	Ave.	Max.	Ave.	Max.	Min.	Ave.	Max.	Min.	Ave.	Max.	Min.	Ave.
01/2007	777	4	65	25	11	43	-30	19	21	18	59	92	13	6
02/2007	2166	2	44	29	3	45	-28	19	20	16	68	96	15	7
03/2007	6611	2	63	26	-4	24	-34	13	15	13	62	90	20	6
04/2007	12486	4	66	30	26	40	10	17	21	14	53	97	19	5
05/2007	14348	5	4	23	36	53	24	25	29	21	62	98	18	5
06/2007	13950	6	12	28	47	58	31	31	34	29	58	97	18	1
07/2007	11731	5	317	28	48	58	37	37	40	34	75	100	28	1
08/2007	11255	5	329	20	48	65	37	38	40	37	64	99	26	0
09/2007	6002	4	60	28	36	58	21	35	37	32	76	100	20	1
10/2007	3119	3	73	23	21	36	1	31	32	31	74	99	38	6
11/2007	1181	3	62	29	20	32	6	30	31	29	60	97	22	8
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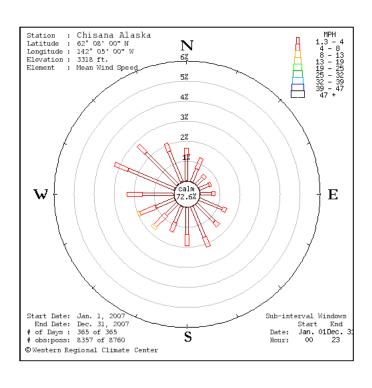
May Creek Alaska

	Solar Radiation	Mean Wind Speed	Mean Wind Direction	Maximum Wind Gust		verage A		Ave	Fuel T	emp		age Rel		Snow Depth	Precipitation
Date	ly	mph	Deg	mph		Deg F			Deg F			%		in	in
mm/yyyy	Total	Ave.	Ave.	Max.	Ave.	Max.	Min.	Ave.	Max.	Min.	Ave.	Max.	Min.	Ave.	Total
01/2007	185	1	156	24	6	38	-42	7	26	-35	79	91	38	14	0
02/2007	1516	1	142	17	0	31	-45	5	24	-28	71	90	25	16	0
03/2007	5581	2	207	31	4	44	-39	6	28	-22	58	83	21	17	0
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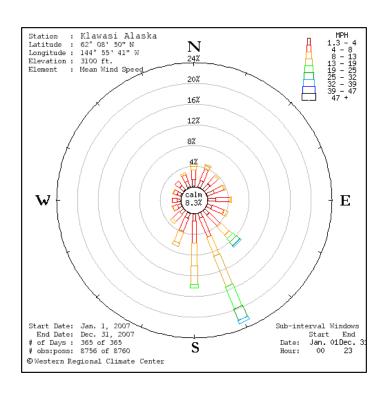
Chisana Alaska

	Solar Radiation	Mean Wind Speed	Mean Wind Direction	Maximum Wind Gust	l	erage A		Ave	Fuel T	emp		age Rela		Snow Depth	Precipitation
Date	ly	mph	Deg	mph		Deg F			Deg F			%		in	in
mm/yyyy	Total	Ave.	Ave.	Max.	Ave.	Max.	Min.	Ave.	Max.	Min.	Ave.	Max.	Min.	Ave.	Total
01/2007	82	1	116	19	-5	32	-43	-5	22	-37	74	92	50	10	0.00
02/2007	448	0	129	9	-6	29	-50	1	24	-21	68	95	33	11	0.00
03/2007	3721	1	113	19	-7	36	-49	1	29	-17	54	85	18	13	0.00
04/2007	12342	2	128	18	29	56	-15	29	64	-5	52	97	10	9	0.20
05/2007	13248	2	139	19	43	69	19	43	83	15	60	100	13	2	1.13
06/2007	14842	2	87	23	54	76	23	55	89	20	58	100	14	m	1.62
07/2007	13152	2	159	22	55	76	28	56	90	26	72	100	22	m	3.72
08/2007	11734	1	156	23	51	81	24	53	96	20	67	100	17	m	0.92
09/2007	5879	1	139	18	39	75	15	39	82	11	78	100	24	m	1.94
10/2007	2427	0	142	16	18	46	-8	17	54	-12	76	100	30	0	0.15
11/2007	629	0	119	11	7	39	-19	5	49	-25	78	97	33	4	0.00
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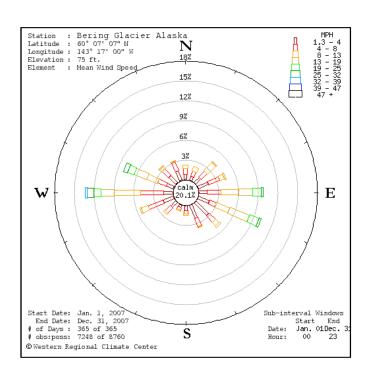
Klawasi Alaska

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Date	ly	mph	Deg	mph		Deg F			Deg F					in
mm/yyyy	Total	Ave.	Ave.	Max.	Ave.	Max.	Min.	Ave.	Max.	Min.	Ave.	Max.	Min.	Total
01/2007	578	11	147	53	13	45	-27	12	43	-31	60	94	28	0.00
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03/2007	7030	7	137	50	1	34	-28	0	38	-35	50	94	16	0.00
04/2007	12658	10	155	46	33	51	11	34	63	4	43	99	14	0.00
05/2007	13539	10	162	39	42	65	25	43	75	22	55	100	14	1.25
06/2007	16349	9	168	44	54	74	32	55	87	29	48	100	12	1.24
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10/2007	3327	7	123	54	27	41	10	26	45	5	63	89	26	0.00
11/2007	1076	10	139	54	25	42	1	23	42	-4	54	81	17	0.00
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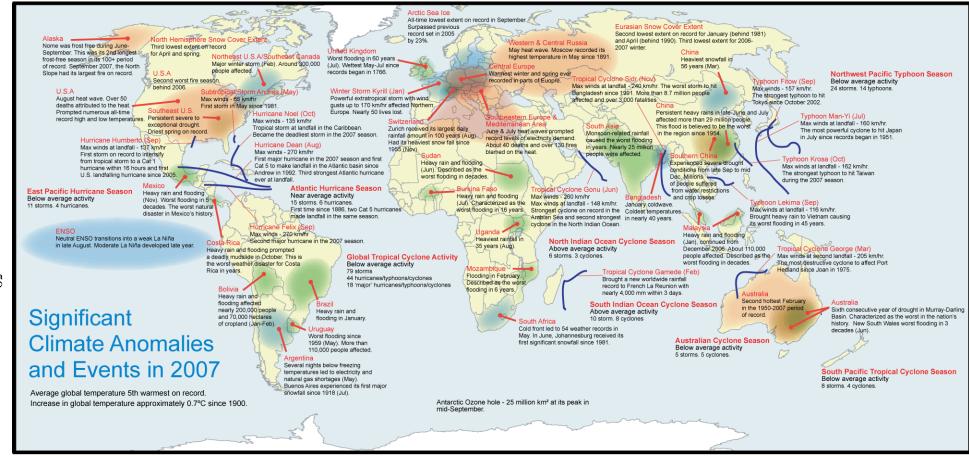


Bering Glacier Alaska

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Date	ly	mph	Deg	mph		Deg F Deg F						%		in
mm/yyyy	Total	Ave.	Ave.	Max.	Ave.	Ave. Max. Min. Ave. Max. Min.				Ave.	Max.	Min.	Total	
01/2007	m	7.8	86.71	56	28.49	41	-3	m	m	m	97.71	100	59	0
02/2007	m	5	34	43	26	47	1	m	m	m	81	100	20	0
03/2007	m	8	44	60	25	47	-1	m	m	m	86	100	30	0
04/2007	m	9	87	66	38	55	9	m	m	m	90	100	39	4.45
05/2007	m	8	83	50	45	63	29	m	m	m	94	100	43	3.77
06/2007	m	7	44	37	47	64	36	m	m	m	94	100	52	2.65
07/2007	314	2	132	187	48	57	43	m	m	m	89	97	73	0.22
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09/2007	3646	6	245	184	46	61	30	m	m	m	90	99	54	22.21
10/2007	2142	7	274	196	39	51	20	m	m	m	88	100	42	13.61
11/2007	696.1	10	277	196	46	104	19	m	m	m	91	100	57	0
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Appendix D: Worldwide Significant Climate Anomalies and Events 2007 (NOAA 2007)

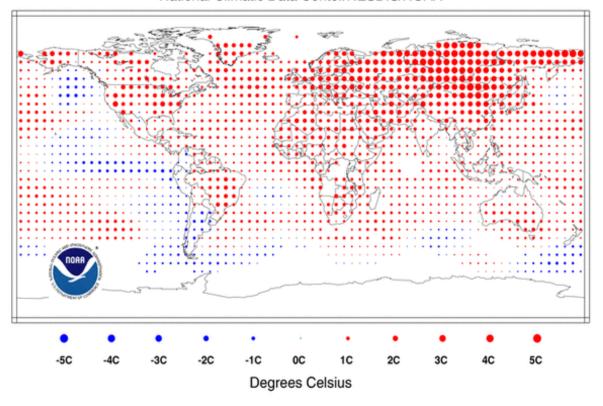


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Temperature Anomalies Jan-Dec 2007

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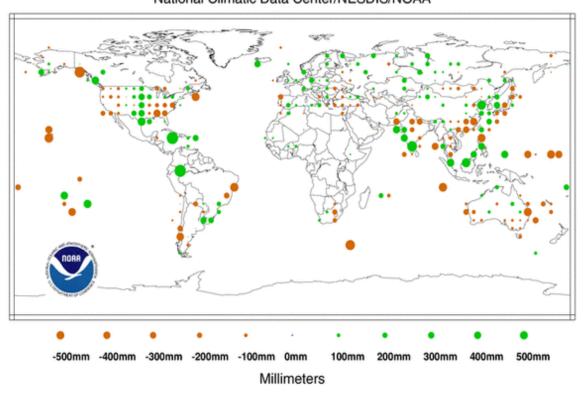
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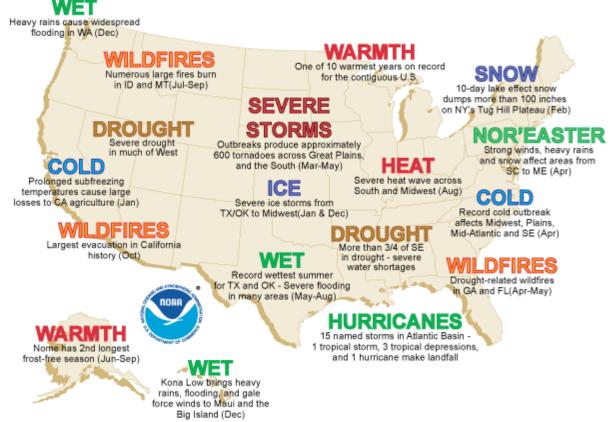
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Significant U.S. Weather and Climate Events for 2007



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